



November 2021

Proposed new Burial Ground at Claregalway, Co Galway.

Mike Melody, Environment Section Galway County Council [<mailto:mmelody@GalwayCoCo.ie>]

Dear Mr Melody,

I inspected the proposed new burial ground last week where various new trial holes were excavated. The realigned site from a previous inspection is described in the maps submitted by you recently.

The proposed lands were level with no major undulations. The trial holes were inspected and all were dug to at least two metres in depth. The soils were of a clay consistency with light rock throughout.

There were heavier soils at lower depths. Water clearances of between 4.5 to 5.5 feet were recorded.

I would make the following recommendations:

- There are no public health objections to the use of this site as a Burial ground.
- Only one coffin per single grave space is allowed given the water table levels recorded.
- Ensure proper drainage away from the main graveyard when hard surfaces are being constructed.
- Given the nature of the site, its relative small size and the difficulty in acquiring lands, I would recommend that consideration be given to making this graveyard a lawn cemetery.

Yours Sincerely

Séamus Mitchell
Senior Environmental Health Officer,